परियोजना अवधि, जनवरी, 1997 तक के लिए बढ़ा दी गई है। शामिल किए गए मुख्य बौद्ध तीर्थ केन्द्र हैं–सारनाथ, कुशीनगर, पिपरवाहा तथा उत्तर प्रदेश में श्रावस्ती और बिहार में बौद्धगया, नालन्दा, राजगीर तथा वैशाली। परियोजना के मुख्य घटक हैं–राष्ट्रीय तथा राज्यीय राजमार्गों का सुदृढ़ीकरण, भूदृश्यांकन, जल और विद्युत आपूर्ति बढ़ाना, दूरसंचार सुविधाओं का स्तरोन्नयन तथा मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाओं की स्थापना।

महाराष्ट्र राज्य में अजंता और एल्लोरा क्षेत्र के विकास तथा संरक्षण के लिए सरकार ने ओ.ई.सी.एफ. के साथ एवं ऋण करार पर भी हस्ताक्षर किए। इस ऋण करार पर 9 जनवरी, 1992 को हस्ताक्षर किए गए थे तथा दिसम्बर, 1996 तक परियोजना के पूरा होने की आशा है। जापानी सहायता, 3745 मिलियन येन की है। परियोजना के घटक हैं–वनरोपण, औरंगाबाद में विमान-पत्तन सुविधाओं का स्तरोन्नयन, मार्गों का सुदृढ़ीकरण और सुधार, जल आपूर्ति बढ़ाना तथा मल-जल निकासी करना, विद्युत आपूर्ति का सुधार, स्मारकों का संरक्षण तथा आगन्तुक प्रबंध सुविधाएं।

(ग) और (घ) यह ऋण करार, दो सरकारों के बीच है। विभिन्न कार्यान्वयनकर्ता एजेंसियों को पहले अपने निजी बजट से व्यय करना होता है तथा तत्पश्चात् ओ.ई.सी.एफ. से प्रतिपूर्ति का दावा करना होता है। परियोजना की कार्यान्वयनकर्ता एजेंसियों के प्रतिपूर्ति दावों पर कार्रवाई करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है।

Air services from Bhopal to Raipur

6954. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce air services from Bhopal to Raipur; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there is any application under Government's consideration submitted by any private airlines, seeking permission for introducing air services from Bhopal to Raipur; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) in their application for Scheduled Air Transport Operators permit M/s India International Airways Ltd., has indicated its intention to operate a daily service on the route Delhi-Bhopal-Jabalpur-Raipur and vice versa with an aircraft of 36 seats. Air taxi operators are free to operate to any station open for scheduled operations.

Financial outlay for tourism

6944. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total financial outlay for tourism in the Eighth Five Year Plan is being supplemented by private sector;

(b) what are the details of both the sectors; and

(c) what if the progress of tourism during last three years, in terms of number of tourists and foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No. Sir.

(b) The Planning Commission has approved the Eighth Plan allocation for tourism for Rs. 272 crores with a budgetary support of Rs. 240 crores, for the Central Government.

(c) The progress of tourism during the last three years in terms of tourism arrivals and exchange earnings is as given below:

Year	Tourist Arrivals	Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rs. in crores)
1991-92	17,81,892	3319
1992-93	18,20,239	3991
1993-94	18,71,262	4573

Additional incurement to aircraft engineers in AI and IA

6945. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to to state:

(a) whether as per wage settlement dated 18th February, 1989 between Indian Airlines and All-India Aircraft Engineers Association, it was agreed to give one additional increment to all the aircraft engineers, with effect from 1st October, 1988;

(b) if so, why aircraft engineers of Delhi Region, who were promoted to senior aircraft engineers vide establishment order No. 53 of 1989, were not given this additional increment whereas the same has been given to aircraft engineers of all other regions in the similar case; and

(c) the reasons for this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) In the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 26th February 1989 between Indian Airlines and All India Aircraft Engineers' Association regarding revision of wages with effect from 1.10.1985 it was agreed that as a one time exercise, all aircraft engineers who were represented by the Association and had completed one year of service on 30.9.88 would be granted one additional increment on 1st October, 1988. All the eligible aircraft engineers including those in the Northern Region (Delhi) were given the increment.

Setting up of Five Star Hostels in Delhi

6946. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to set up more five star hotels in Delhi, in addition to over a dozen already in existence, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th April, 1994;

(b) whether under the Master Plan, sites have been earmarked for this purpose; if so, the details thereof, the likely expenditure involved as a whole and whether provision has been made during 1994-95 Budget; and

(c) by when tenders are likely to be invited by DDA and whether Government have taken any decision not to sell hotel plots, by auction, as was the practice earlier?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Sites have been identified for construction of hotels in various commercial schemes of DDA at Wazirpur Distt. Centre, Saket Distt. Centre and Janakpuri Distt. Centre. These sites have been offered to hotel industry through tender system. Construction of hotels is mainly a private sector activity.

(c) DDA has invited bids through tenders in the above mentioned schemes.